Mr. K. S. Joseph: Sir, my question was why those members of the Legislature who are residents of Trivandrum were not invited while those from outside, from places like Alleppey and Chengannoor were invited. There might be some reason. I do not think Government were mad.

President: Order, order. There is a discretion vested with the Government. They deliberately used it.

Opening of new Churches.

202. ***Mr. K. C. Chandy**: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of applications received from Christians in the years 1114 to the end of the first half year of 1120 for permission to open new Churches and the number of applications allowed ;

(*b*) how many such applications were for permission for opening new Catholic Churches and how many of those were granted ; and

(*c*) the number of applications received from Catholics in the years 1117 to the end of the first half year of 1120, for permission to open cemeteries and how many of such applications were granted ?

Mr. G. Narayanan Tampi:

(*a*)	Number of applications received	193
	Number of applications allowed	57
(*b*)	Number of applications for Catholic Churches	120
	Number of applications granted	38
(*c*)	Number of applications received	8
	Number of applications granted	1

Mr. K. C. Chandy: May I know whether Government did make a statement that more than 20 applications were made ?

Mr. G. Narayanan Tampi: That will be verified.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: May I know from the Government whether the total number of Churches in the State exceed at present 2000 ?

Mr. G. Narayanan Tampi: I cannot give the information off hand.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: What was it in 1820 when the population was nine lakhs ?

Mr. G. Narayanan Tampi: There is no denying the fact that the number has been rising by leaps and bounds.

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Mr. N Narayana Kurup: Are the Government that aware it was300 to 400 in 1820 ?

Mr. G. Narayanan Tampi: The number was infinitely small some years ago and it is tremendously big at present.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: May I know whether the Government are aware that the number of Hindu religious institutions is decreasing from 1118?

Mr. G. Narayanan Tampi: Yes Sir.

Mr. K. G. Kunjukrishna Pillai: All these questions are irrelevant.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: May I know whether the Government have taken any steps to increase their number?

Mr. G. Narayanan Tampi: Government have no religion or community. Government are not concerned with such communal questions. If the Hindus do not want to be as religious as the Christians it is not the concern of Government.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: As the custodian of Hindu temples of the State, are they not bound to make improvements in that direction?

Mr. G. Narayanan Tampi: It is not within the purview of the procedure admissible on the floor of this house. The question of Devaswoms has been excluded from the cognisance of this honourable House.

President: I appeal not to discuss this matter on these lines. There is no doubt that a kind of propaganda has been going round throughout the whole of India and England to the effect that this Government is trying to prevent the erection of churches. That propaganda is fortunately dispelled the moment anybody visits Travancore as in the case of the Parliamentary Delegation. Wherever they go, they find that there are churches and no question of prohibition. Questions may arise whether it is necessary that every application should be granted. So far, applications are granted where there is legitimate need for churches. It is stated that there is no law in relation to this matter. I have no doubt that when a completely representative legislature comes into being the question of the allocation and limitation of religious functions on temples, churches and mosques will be taken up. One aspect which has to be considered in relation to the question of churches or temples is that the property that has already been given to the temples or churches becomes impartible. Whatever is given to the temples and churches is in its incident something different from the incidents of the civil law. In many countries what has been found is that this is one way of evading the Civil Law in regard to the operation and alienation of property. They find a

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church or a mosque, endow it with properties and make it possible for themselves as well as their descendants to free themselves from the operation of the Civil Law. These are matters to be considered by the completely representative legislature which will come into existence very soon. At present the question is only with regard to the applications for the erection of churches. 193 applications were received of which 57 were allowed. The number of applications for Catholic churches is 120 and permission was granted in 38 cases. Those figures speak for themselves.

Mr. A. N. Satyanesan: വിവിധ ക്രൈസ്തവ സമുദായങ്ങൾ തമ്മിലുള്ള മാത്സര്യം നിമിത്തം ചില അപേക്ഷകൾ തള്ളിക്കളയേണ്ടിവന്നിട്ടില്ലേ ?

Mr. G. Narayanan Tampi: ചിലതല്ല വളരെ അധികം അതുകാരണംകൊണ്ടുതന്നെ തള്ളേണ്ടതായിട്ടുവന്നിട്ടുണ്ട്. അതുകൊണ്ട് ഗവണ്മെൻറിന് വളരെ സങ്കടം ഉണ്ട്.

Heads of Departments.

203. *Mr. **Paul A. Thaliath** : Will the Government be pleased to state?

(*a*) the number of Travancoreans who are Heads of Departments; and

(*b*) the number of non-Travancoreans who are Heads of Departments?

Mr. G. Narayanan Tampi : (*a*) 21.

(*b*) 5.

Mr. Paul A. Thaliath : Will the honourable member be pleased to give the names of the five non-Travancoreans who are heads of Departments?

Mr. G. Narayanan Tampi :

1. Rao Bahadur T. V. Venkiteswara Iyer, Conservator of Forests.
2. Rajyasevapravina T. M. Krishnaswami Iyer, Chief Justice.
3. Mr. S. Parthasarathy Iyengar, Inspector-General of Police.
4. Mr. H. C. Papworth, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Travancore University ; and
5. Mr. N. Ramamurti, Director of State Transport.

Mr. Paul A. Thaliath : Is the Director of Information a Travancorean?

Mr G. Narayanan Tampi : The Director of Information is as much a Travancorean as the honourable member and myself. He belongs to Karamana.

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